

REMARKS

Claims 2-5 remain pending in the application.

Claim Amendment

By this amendment, claim 3 is amended to change "modified (co)polymer" with "modified copolymer". No new matter is added by this amendment.

While applicants' representative authorized the Examiner's Amendment by which the Examiner revised claim 3, applicants desire that the claim 3 language be consistent in its recitation of the term "copolymer".

As a result, entry of the above amendment is deemed proper and is accordingly requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact James W. Hellwege (Reg. No. 28,808) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

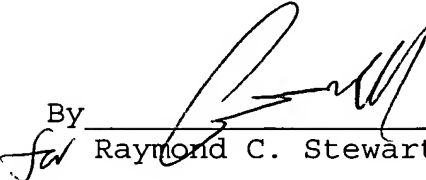
If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees


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required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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